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1. Department concurs in Berlin's analysis of flag incident and plans for handling future attempts along similar lines.
2. Essential that no more half organized countermeasures be undertaken by West Berlin police which serve only to embolden Communists and undermine West Berlin morale.
3. Agree that Allied troops should not participate in actions unless police clearly unable to handle situation. Knowledge that troops alerted and on stand-by basis may prove sufficient in certain circumstances to obviate their actually participating in countermeasures.
4. Further major incidents of this type must be anticipated and insured, as possible advance agreement reached on actions to be taken.
5. Agree that new flag incident would require no new protest and that US should press for removal of flags in all QUOTE 3 zones UNQUOTE, after submission by Lipschitz of detailed operational plans for evaluation.
6. Believe

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6. Believe thorough review of past incidents of similar nature such as invasion of West Berlin by East German QUOTE goon squads UNQUOTE to break up political rallies would be helpful in outlining courses of action and eliminating future errors.

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